GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5186
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MODERNISATION OF SUGAR MILLS
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the expenditure for modernisation of sugar mills with capacity less than 2500 TCD has remained much below the loan sanctioned for modernisation/ rehabilitation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by the Government to formulate any plan or policy to persuade the sugar mills with less than 2500 TCD to modernise/rehabilitate the mills and the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : The number of sugar mills with capacity upto 2500 TCD, to whom loans for modernisation/rehabilitation have been sanctioned from the Sugar Development Fund till date, is higher than the sugar mills with capacity beyond 2500 TCD who have also been sanctioned loan from SDF for the said purposes.

(c) The sugar industry has been delicensed w.e.f. 11.9.98 and the entrepreneurs are free to undertake expansion/modernisation/rehabilitation of the mills keeping in view the techno- economic viability of their project.